

# SUDDEN STORM WORKS HAVOC IN CITY

## COL. ASTOR TO MARRY MISS FORCE IN FRANCE

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### ASTOR SETTLES \$2,000,000 ON HIS FIANCEE BEFORE TAKING HER TO SEA TO-DAY

**Present Cruise on His Yacht Noma Taken to Restore Miss Force's Health—Nurse Accompanies Her—Marriage to Take Place Later in France.**

Col. John Jacob Astor and his fiancée, Miss Madeleine Force, signed the ante-nuptial agreement, by which he settles \$2,000,000 on his girl bride, in the offices of the Astor estate on Twenty-sixth street, just west of Broadway, this afternoon. A few minutes later the pair, Col. Astor in the happy, love-all-the-world mood which had engrossed him all day, started for his yacht, the luxurious Noma, which was lying off the New York Yacht Club pier at the foot of East Twenty-fourth street, coaled and provisioned for a voyage to the Mediterranean or any other spot within four weeks of these shores. Miss Force's parents followed a few minutes later. The Noma had been lying there with steam up all day awaiting Col. Astor's orders.

On authentic information, the family conference of the last few days have resulted in an arrangement that Col. Astor and Miss Force are to be married in France. Members of the household believed, until Col. Astor made a positive statement to the contrary, that the Noma, when she arrived this afternoon, was to head directly for France.

The crew of the Noma had believed he was coming aboard this afternoon to be married in waters outside the jurisdiction of the State of New York under the laws of which he is forbidden to marry again. Col. Astor, as he started for the Astor estate with Miss Force and her mother, denied that there was to be an immediate marriage.

Col. Astor earlier had said that the cruise was to last four days, but later he said it was to be indefinite. It would depend, he added, upon the restoration to complete health of Miss Force, who has been ill and nervous under the strain of criticism of her intended marriage by ministers, newspapers and publicists all over the country.

As corroboration of Col. Astor's statement about the impairment of Miss Force's health, it was noted that when Col. Astor, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Force set out from the landing stage for the yacht after the squall at four o'clock, they put about and came back, Col. Astor explaining that they "had forgotten something." Said something was a trained nurse who had been sitting unmotivated at the back of the club shelter when the start was made.

**COL. ASTOR STARTS OFF HOLDING HIS HAPPY GRIN.**

Col. Astor, who had driven his own automobile to the Force home at No. 18 East Thirty-seventh street, came out with Mrs. Force and his fiancée at about 2 o'clock. He was wearing the same happy grin with which he had entered, saying "Not yet" to all questions about the date of the wedding. Miss Force and her mother did not share his good nature. The little nose of the former was tilted at a contemptuous angle when the reporters approached the group, and her mother's more mature features had the same general slant.

"How long are you to be gone, Colonel?" asked an Evening World man. "Don't know," was the reply. "Couldn't say really, you know. Miss Force hasn't been well. Doctor says she needs a change. We'll stay out until she's better. That's all. Until she's better."

"Where will you go?" "Just a little fishing trip. Just to get away from everything and get a rest. Don't know yet where we shall go. Couldn't say honestly."

All this time Col. Astor was smiling affably, winking at times at Miss Force, but failing to get her to reciprocate his amiability.

**"FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, MAN, START THE CAR!"**

By this time the party were seated in Col. Astor's machine. The chauffeur went around to the hood to crank it up. It wouldn't crank. Wrath was added to contempt on the features of the Force contingent.

"Are you going to be married?" asked a reporter bluntly.

"Ow, my dear Colonel," gasped Mrs. Force. "This is really terrible. Tell your man to start at once."

Col. Astor made deprecatory motions with both arms in a general northeast-

### RATTLER WINS BATTLE WITH MAN NEAR JAMAICA

**Victim Bitten in Leg During Fight Goes to the Hospital.**

Frank Waite, an electrician, had a fierce battle with a five-foot rattlesnake in the Hollis Woods, near Jamaica to-day, in which the reptile severely bit his left leg and then rattled off in safety. Waite says he used a club on the snake and believes he wounded it badly, but as yet no trace of the body of the snake has been found.

Waite had finished some work at Hollis and was making a short cut to his home at No. 11 Grand street, Jamaica. He selected a path that is infrequently used and had gotten about half way through the woods, he says, when he heard a peculiar rattling sound near him. At first he thought it a snake, but then he remembered that rattlesnakes were supposed to inhabit only the eastern end of the island and paid little attention to the noise.

Suddenly he felt something bump his left arm and he jumped to one side just as the snake entwined itself about his arm. He managed to partly shake it off and then it wound itself about the arm again. This time Waite hurled it to the ground, and as he was in the act of grabbing a stick to beat it off the snake turned on him again and gave him a severe bite in the left leg, just above the ankle. Waite, unmindful of the sting, made for the snake with a stick, and says he struck it a couple of times, but it finally got away from him in the thick grass and brush of the woods.

Waite journeyed to Jamaica, but his leg had swollen to such a size that he went to the Jamaica Hospital and Dr. Smithwick treated him and put him to bed.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

##### AT CLEVELAND.

HIGHLANDERS—

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CLEVELAND—

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Batteries—Fisher and Sweeney; Krapp and Fischer.

##### BOTH LOCAL GAMES OFF.

A heavy deluge a few minutes before game time for play caused the postponement of both the Giant-Cincinnati and the Brooklyn-Pittsburg game this afternoon.

There will be two games at the Polo Grounds to-morrow. The first one will start at 1:45 P. M.

##### GRAND CIRCUIT TROTS OFF.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 18.—The Grand Circuit races scheduled for to-day have been postponed on account of rain. To-day's card will be raced to-morrow.

### SOTHERN WEDS JULIA MARLOWE, CO-STAR, ABROAD

**Actor's Cabled Announcement of Yesterday's Ceremony Is a Surprise.**

**RUMORS OFTEN DENIED.**

**Gossip Started With Letter to Judge Who Gave Divorce to Miss Harned.**

A big surprise of unusual interest was occasioned this afternoon by news from London that Julia Marlowe and E. H. Sothorn, the most prominent co-stars in the theatrical world, were married there yesterday.

The authority for this information is no less a person than Mr. Sothorn, who sent a cablegram to Manager Lee Shubert, giving the fact of the marriage without any further particulars. The announcement was the more sensational in view of many denials both had made of rumors of their intention to marry.

Miss Marlowe and Mr. Sothorn went to Europe last month shortly after the hot weather brought their Shakespearean engagement to a close at the Broadway Theatre on the Fourth of July. On the night of July 3 they appeared in "Macbeth" and were to have continued in a Shakespearean repertory for two weeks, but on the Fourth a placard in the lobby of the theatre announced the sudden closing of the engagement and gave as the reason that Miss Marlowe had been made ill by the excessive heat.

On October 15 of last year Virginia Harned, the Titian-haired actress, ob-

tained a divorce from Mr. Sothorn in Reno.

**GOSSIP STARTED WHEN MISS HARNED GOT DECREE.**

Immediately after the decree was awarded reports were circulated that Miss Marlowe and Mr. Sothorn would immediately be married. This was brought to the attention of Judge Pike of Reno, before whom the divorce proceedings were brought.

He received an unsigned communication, in which it was stated that Miss Marlowe and Sothorn had returned from their usual summer trip abroad, and the writer added:

"I have it from reliable sources that, as soon as Sothorn and Virginia Harned are free from the bonds of matrimony, an announcement will be forthcoming that Sothorn will take Miss Marlowe to church."

"The understanding is mutual, so far as I can gather, for when Mr. Sothorn sold his home on Sixty-ninth street, Miss Harned signed papers accepting a certain share for her interest."

**HOUSE WAS SOLD BY SOTHERN.**

Judge Pike showed the communication to Miss Harned after signing the decree, but she denied it. She asserted that the house was hers. However, the real estate sales records of 1908 showed the house was sold by Sothorn.

Miss Marlowe and Mr. Sothorn have been playing together since 1904 when they became co-stars under the management of Charles Frohman. This arrangement was continued until 1907, when Sothorn and Marlowe put themselves under the Shubert management and appeared in "The Sunken Bell," "Jeanne d'Arc" and "John the Baptist."

In addition to a series of Shakespearean plays, in April, 1907, they played an engagement of six weeks in London. During the two seasons following they starred separately, but in the autumn of 1909 they once more became co-stars.

Since then they have enjoyed great popularity in an exclusively Shake-

### E. H. Sothorn and Julia Marlowe, Whose Marriage Abroad Is Announced



pearian repertory, with \$150 as the highest price for seats.

In the papers of the divorce trial Mr. Sothorn stated that he left Miss Harned in 1906.

Miss Harned acted on tour throughout last season, but she is spending the summer in the vicinity of New York.

**30 INJURED IN SMASH OF NEW YORK FLYER.**

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 18.—Thirty persons were injured, some of them seriously, to-day when Big Four train No. 46, one of the fastest trains in the service, was derailed near the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane, just west of Columbus. The more seriously injured are:

Mrs. C. E. Rough, Miss Minnie Sharp, Mrs. Callie Wuest, all of Boston; Albert Drodahl, Cincinnati; J. S. Nee, Columbus, engineer; Stanley Dickerson, Columbus, fireman.

Train No. 46 is the New York and New England special, which left Cincinnati at 8:30 A. M. for New York. It is one of the fastest trains on the Big Four.

The wrecked train is known as the New York and New England special and left Cincinnati at 8:30 for New York, being due in Columbus at 11:30 A. M.

It was made up of a mail car, baggage, three day coaches, a diner and two Pullmans. As the train rounded the curve at the Grand View avenue crossing of the Toledo and Ohio Central tracks the front trucks of the second day coach climbed a switch point and the car was derailed.

Bumping over the ties at the rate of forty miles an hour, the derailed coach pulled the other cars from the track and two of the day coaches toppled over into a ditch.

World Building, Turkin, Bath, Albany, 1909. Bath with private rooms, 11. Barber and manicurist. Christy is at 1000. 60 York Ave. N. Y.

### ATWOOD WAITS FOR GALE TO DIE BEFORE HE FLIES

**Thirty-Five-Mile Wind Off Lake Erie Keeps Him in Cleveland.**

(Special to The Evening World.)

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 18.—Uncertain weather temporarily halted Harry N. Atwood here to-day in his flight through the air from St. Louis to New York. At noon there was a thirty-five mile wind blowing off Lake Erie and Atwood decided to postpone until to-morrow his flight to Erie, Pa., the next scheduled stop.

Shortly before noon the wind began to die down. Atwood, who had arranged to put his airplane under cover, changed his mind and got ready to start. He said he was desirous of making Erie to-night and would fly if the wind gave him a chance. At 2 o'clock the outlook was favorable.

Weather conditions were ideal in the early morning, and Atwood was busy engaged in making preparations to give the people of Cleveland an exhibition when the sky clouded up and the first real breeze began to puff off the lake. Within an hour there was a steady breeze, increasing in force. By noon the wind had grown to half a gale,

and navigating the air was out of the question.

"Unless the wind dies down," said Atwood, "I shall not attempt to fly to-day. There is no use in taking chances. It is my intention to get to New York in my aeroplane and if I am laid up here for a time I think I can make up the lost hours in more favorable weather."

The wind was directly from the north and Atwood's course from here to Erie lies to the northeast. It would have been foolhardy for him to venture out over the lake in the teeth of the notoriously fierce winds of this section.

**NOW PLAN TO ADJOURN CONGRESS NEXT MONDAY.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The adjournment of the extra session of Congress to-day rests entirely with the House of Representatives. Chairman Underwood of the Ways and Means Committee to-day expressed the opinion that it probably would not be possible to close the House business so as to adjourn to-morrow night as suggested by Senators, but said he thought adjournment feasible by Monday or Tuesday. He added that the House would accept the Senate amendments to the cotton bill, thus expediting the final gale away.

**HILLTOPS PURCHASE TWO ROCHESTER PLAYERS.**

The New York American League Club has further fortified itself with players for the coming season by the purchase of Second Basemen Simmons and Outfielder Osborne of the Rochester Club.

**Last Two Days of Big Sale \$12 BLUE SERGE SUITS, \$4.95**

THE "NEW" Clothing Store, Broadway, cor. Barclay St., opp. Post-office, will sell to-day and Saturday 1,500 Men's Suits, serge, worsted, flannel, chevrons, etc., in blue, black, gray and mixtures, fast colors, satin lined, all sizes, worth \$12 in any other store, our special price to-day and Saturday, \$4.95. Open Saturday night till 11 P. M.

### GALE AND LIGHTNING SWEEP OVER THE CITY, LEAVE HAVOC IN TRAIL

**Bolt Hits Burned Harlem Building, Knocking Down Wall and Injuring a Dozen Workmen in Debris.**

**TONS OF WRECKAGE FALL AS STRUCTURE IS RENT.**

**Wind at 63 Miles an Hour Causes Much Damage During Fierce Black Squall.**

For the second time this week the lights in the skyscrapers, street cars and factories of the city were turned on in mid-afternoon to-day, when black clouds, laden with lightning, swept over the sky from the west, bringing a torrential downpour of rain. It was such a storm as threw New York into a panic last Tuesday afternoon and ranked in suddenness and severity with the succession of near-lornados that have characterized this as the freakiest summer in many years. Many persons were injured and property damage was heavy in New York and vicinity.

The storm was bred in a high, humid temperature. The wind, which had been blowing stiffly from the south, switched to the west shortly before 4 o'clock. Clouds banking up over New Jersey were suddenly swept to the eastward and New York experienced a premature twilight, such as falls in the tropics.

The wind attained a velocity of sixty-three miles an hour and the greenish black cloud bank spat forks of white lightning while thunder rolled continuously. While the storm raged, the mercury dropped in thermometer tubes so rapidly that the motion was almost apparent. The fall in temperature amounted to 15 degrees—from 80 to 65.

**BOLT WRECKS BUILDING, INJURING TWELVE.**

In the height of the storm a bolt of lightning struck the northerly wall of the Guardian Storage Warehouse in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between St. Nicholas and Eighth avenues, which was ruined by fire about three months ago. The building was full of housewreckers and mechanics, and a dozen or more were injured.

The Guardian Storage Warehouse is a five-story brick and iron building. When the fire got through with it, only the four walls and parts of the floors and roof remained. The insurance adjusters settled only a short time ago, and workmen were sent to make repairs.

Housewreckers, bricklayers and carpenters were out in the structure when the storm swept across the Hudson and over Harlem. Those workmen who were engaged in exposed positions hurried for shelter to escape the rain. Most of them made their way to the ground floor.

**"SHOOT MY DOG," WOMAN IN AUTO ASKS POLICEMAN**

**Fearing Pet Is Going Mad She Halts Car to End Danger by Bullet.**

To Policeman Schlett of the East Fifty-first street station, standing on the curb at Lexington avenue and Fifty-second street, to-day rolled up a large touring car in which were a chauffeur and two passengers, a man and a fashionably dressed woman.

The woman got out cautiously, leading a fox terrier on a leash at arm's length, and went to the policeman.

"Officer," she said, "I'm afraid my little dog is going mad. I must ask you to shoot him."

She held the leash still further away. The dog was wild-eyed and snarling. Schlett got out his revolver as quickly as he could and sent a bullet through the dog's brain.

"Her name was Daisy," said the woman, crying a little as she looked at the limp little body. "She was three years old and I have had her since she was a two-week-old puppy. But she is better dead than mad, poor thing."

She took a newspaper from the tonneau of the car, wrapped the dog's body in it and laid it in the gutter. Then she returned to the car and drove away.

**TONS OF WRECKAGE SHOWER UPON WORKERS.**

A bolt of lightning, reaching out of the low hanging clouds like a jagged arm, cut a wedge-shaped slice thirty feet high and thirty feet wide at the top out of the upper part of the north wall. Bricks and mortar by the ton dropped into the building and on the roofs of buildings in the rear. The support of the rear wall being weakened, the east and west walls from the third floor up were blown over by the gale.

Men ran out of the building into One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, shouting that the building was caving in and many of their mates had been killed. Policemen Birmingham and Agnew were close by. One turned in a fire alarm, the other an ambulance call. Soon there were fire companies on the scene and three ambulances.

The firemen were the same who had fought the blaze in the building three months ago. Their experiences told them the danger lurked behind the awing walls, and they went carefully about the work of rescue. A ladder was run against the front of the building to the third floor, but as two firemen were about to mount it an officer in command ordered it removed.

While the firemen were getting ready to find a way into the building, men bleeding from cuts or nursing bad bruises staggered out. They said that, so far as they knew, no one was dead, but several had been caught under falling debris.

In the confusion, ten or twelve of the injured hurried to their homes. Four men who were among the first to get out of the building were treated by ambulance surgeons.

Three of the men—Harry Straus of No. 90 Lawrence street, Thomas Leone of No. 30 Third avenue and Frank Atassi of No. 32 East One Hundred and Twelfth street—were sent to Harlem Hospital. The doctors wanted

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